GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2705
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UDULKOREHALLA PROJECT
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has send a proposal for the clearance of Udulkorehalla Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have not cleared the proposal so far;

(d) if so, the main reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be given clearance?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) & (b) No Sir. The Government of Karnataka has not submitted any proposal for the clearance of Udulkorehalla Project. However, a proposal for diversion of 183.60 hectare forest land for construction of Uduthorehall Reservoir Project at Ajjapura,Kollegal taluk, District Mysore was received from the Government of Karnataka in December 1994.

(c), (d) & (e) On scrutiny, the proposal was found incomplete as regards to Cost-Benefit analysis, detailed Catchment Area Treatment plan and details of violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 done by the project authorities. The State Government was requested to provide these lacking & essential details in respect of the proposal in January 1995. The complete information was provided by the State Government only in August 1999.The proposal was discussed by the Forest Advisory Committee, which is a statutory body constituted under Section-3 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, on 28.9.1999. The Committee was of the view that some provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 appeared to have been violated and the issue was not clearly brought out by the State Government. The Committee recommended that a report should be sought on this issue from the Regional Office of the Ministry located at Bangalore, before a decision on the proposal is taken.The Regional Office, Bangalore has submitted their report on 29.2.2000. The proposal is likely to be discussed in the meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee shortly for taking a final view on the proposal.